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| In re Application of: | |
| Nobuaki Hanaoka et al. | |
| Serial No. 10/678,536 | Examiner Robert A. Zeman |
| Filing Date: October 3, 2003 | Group Art Unit No. 1645 |
| For: Methods for Detecting Malaria Parasites and Reagent Kits Therefor | |

## RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this communication.

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